

Is Opportunity Knocking a Second Time?

# How About a New Survey of El Mirador Situation?

More fantastic than fiction, the story of El Mirador hotel since it became U. S. government "surplus property" is an almost unbelievable tale of trial and error. For more than four years this valuable community asset has stood idle. Except for the two buildings that have housed the Community hospital, the famed resort hotel has served no useful purpose and both Palm Springs and the federal government have suffered a loss as a result.

Most readers of The Desert Sun know the long-drawn-out story beginning with the heated election when the proposition to authorize the city to buy it for a city hall and civic center lost by a few votes. It is more apparent than ever now that the property should have been returned to the former owner who would have paid a fair price for it and had it operating as a hotel two years ago. But the government wouldn't recognize Warren Pinney as a "legal" former owner. He went to court and won his case and

the government should have been satisfied. But the case was appealed—and won—and Pinney threw up his hands in disgust. Although the property has twice been put up for bids, there's been a lot of hocus-pocus going on and old El Mirador still stands there wondering what's all about.

It's time that the citizens of Palm Springs take a hand in this thing and see if some immediate action favorable to the city cannot be obtained without further delay. No telling how—and to whom—the federal government may dispose of it now. The Desert Sun suggests that Mayor Farrell appoint a committee of representative citizens immediately to explore all possibilities. Included, of course, would have to be representatives of the Desert Hospital District and Community hospital board as the hospital is the most directly involved.

It seems quite likely that the federal government

might make a very favorable deal if approached right now. There are many possibilities that could be explored. The present situation might well open an entirely new avenue of approach. It is possible that the property might be obtained on a self-liquidating basis.

The situation is certainly one well worth looking into. There is no telling how advantageous an arrangement might be worked out with one or more parties going into the deal. This is a time when some real community leadership and prompt action is needed. There is no doubt that time is running out—something would have to be done immediately—even if it is in the middle of the summer.

The Desert Hospital District board is going to meet next Monday. That is an opportune time to go into the matter. These men, along with other community leaders, might come up with a very interesting plan for acquisition and use of the property. If

someone's going to get a bargain, it might as well be local interests.

Palm Springs often suffers much because things like this come up in the summer when so many people are away. This is a good case at point. Were this in the active season it is quite likely that some action would already have been taken.

No doubt the government is looking around right now for an interested party—most be in actual negotiation. So time is of the greatest importance. A committee could learn in a few minutes by a long distance call just how the property stands with the governmental agency. If there's still a chance, they could go to work immediately to see what sort of an arrangement might be worked out. If nothing came of it, nothing would be lost but the time of the community-minded representatives on the committee. They're used to that!

## WE AIN'T TALKING

Max. Min.	July 2	113	83
June 29	117	78	71
June 30	120	81	74
July 1	117	86	74

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## Chamber to Move Into New Offices On Palm Canyon

Irwin Schuman Remodeling Quarters In 200 Block; Modern Offices Planned For Organization Starting October 1.

Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce will start the 1950-51 season in new, larger and more modern quarters it was announced Wednesday after the July meeting of the board of directors.

They authorized the lease of rooms now under process of remodeling by Irwin S. Schuman of the Chi Chi, on the west side of Palm Canyon, drive in the middle of the 200 block.

For many years Chamber headquarters have been at 310 North Palm Canyon.

THE NEW HOME of the Palm Springs Chamber will provide 400 square feet more room for the offices and will include a large directors room.

This room will be connected with the kitchen of the Chi Chi so that meals may be served there.

"That's an important item," William Dunkerley, manager said, "in that it will enable board meetings to be held at noon over luncheon, thus saving valuable time for members."

CHUMAN IS SPENDING \$1500 to remodel the building and the decorations will be along the line of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Every convenience for visitors and members will be provided as well as for an efficient working staff.

The new quarters will be oc-

## Name Heads For Western Week Events

Committee Chairmen Plan to Keep Busy All Through Summer

Warren Coble, general chairman of the 1950 edition of Western Week Wednesday announced committee chairmen for the event which is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 27, 28 and 29.

His selections were notified yesterday and planned to go into action at once and to keep the ball rolling all summer for another big celebration in the Chamber's move.

Judges for the Kangaroo Court are Frank Bogart and Cliff Campbell with Billie Moseley as cashier.

HERB FOSTER, realtor, who heard his and Martha James' original objections to the amendment sustained, declared that the present form of the amendment was O. K. with the Real Estate board.

Foster and Mrs. James had objected to the payment of license fees of associated brokers—salesmen working out of Village offices with the office owner paying the entire fee. It was claimed at the time, that office-operating realtors would be placed in the category of employers subject to state and federal regulations.

HIGH SHERIFF will be Tex Driskel and the western street square dance will be in charge of Joe and Alice Butler.

Decision on the parade has not yet been made and the 1950 Western Week may forego this feature. Members of Los Compadres club, which sponsors the annual affair opening each season here, will meet later this month to decide on the parade feature and to fix the dates definitely.

Coble was appointed general chairman of the event last week by Bob Bennett, president of Los Compadres.

THE REVISED amendment provides that associated brokers—salesmen over whom realty firms have no control as to working hours, will each pay a \$15 annual fee. The firm itself will pay \$25.

Under existing laws, doctors, architects and other professional men, associated in one group, are only obliged to pay \$25 for a city license. Under the amendment passed Wednesday, professional groups will pay licenses on a sliding scale similar to that paid by business firms in the city.

THIS PROVISION provides the following scale of payment: \$25 to be paid by any professional firm employing 2 men; \$50 for those employing three to six; \$75 to 7 to 10; \$100 for 11 to 14; and \$150 for those firms whose groups include 15 or more members.

The new ordinance also provides regulatory control over charitable organizations seeking to raise money in the Village, subjecting promoters to heavy license fees unless council finds the money raising cause is truly 100 per cent for charity, such as the Red Cross, Community Chest and other money raising campaigns of a similar nature.

FINAL READING and adoption of the new amendment is scheduled for June 19 at 3:30 p.m. Councilman Florian Boyd introduced the ordinance and moved that it be adopted. Councilman Jerry Nathanson seconded with all councilmen voting aye on the waiver of the first reading.

City Manager Russell Rink was ordered to seek this information, if possible, immediately.

## Council Approves Petition For Paving Under 1911 Act

City Engineer George Minturn was ordered by city council Wednesday to prepare drawings and specifications for paving an area involving several city blocks under provisions of the 1911 street improvement act.

The area in question is bordered by Chuckwalla road to Via Miraleste; Cottonwood road from Chaparral to Via Miraleste and then on from Chaparral to

## Professional Men to Pay Higher Fee

License Ordinance Amendment Ready For Vote July 19

Doctors, lawyers and other professional men practicing in the Village will soon be paying a per capita city license fee if an amendment to the present license ordinance is approved.

The amendment, which had rough sledding during two previous council meetings from members of the Palm Springs Real Estate board, was accepted in its final form at council meeting Wednesday with the first reading waived.

THE ENTERTAINMENT committee will be headed by Hutch Moseley and Robert Peterson will head finance committee. At the head of the publicity committee is Earl Hough and Del Smith and Bill Moore will be in charge of the Western show.

Jack Suphene and Dr. W. H. Aikin are co-chairmen of the awards committee with decorations in charge of Mary Smith and Pat Rogers.

Elmo Purnell and Perry Sanders are in charge of the immunity button sale.

Man-Made Rain Puts Out Blaze

There were two kinds of rain in the desert area Wednesday.

One was sent by Mother Nature and soaked Palm Springs and surrounding territory Wednesday night.

The other was man-made.

Wednesday afternoon and soaked the area north of Morongo Valley where a stubborn brush fire had baffled 250 men for a week. It put the fire out.

The man-made rain started by Bob Symons, California Electric Power company pilot, fell in torrents on the fire area, so hard, in fact, that it washed out a road preventing heavy fire fighting equipment from getting to the front. But the equipment wasn't needed—the same rain doused the fire. Symons said he found one big cloud over the fire and seeded it with dry ice. It was at a 19,000-foot elevation and the rain started falling in ten minutes.

The blaze which started last Friday night burned over a large area and until the deluge, defied the efforts of 250 weary fighters.

The natural storm which hit Palm Springs Wednesday night and again yesterday noon, left .09 of an inch at 8 a.m., first rain of the new season which started July 1.

Tramway Aid Fund is Voted

The statement was one of preparedness but the portent was alarming and reminiscent of World War II.

Councilman Florian Boyd during council session Wednesday urged that a letter be dispatched immediately to Washington to ascertain if the War Department has included in its war emergency plan the reactivation of the former air base here.

"I'm not an alarmist," declared Boyd, "but if it is planned to re-activate this airport where would the city council hold its meetings? It is best to be prepared."

City Manager Russell Rink was ordered to seek this information, if possible, immediately.

Here's Problem That Has Police Baffled

Councilwoman Ruth Hardy likes birds but not when they keep her awake at night, she reported to police, asking for assistance in keeping them quiet.

Sgt. Jim Maynard who answered the call, reported that the birds were there alright but it was against the law to shoot them within city limits of Palm Springs.

ON FISHING TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Griffing who left July 5 for the Kern River valley to enjoy the fishing there are expected back in the Village next Monday.

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## 170 Volunteers Sought For Air Watch Duties

### MAYOR ANSWERS CRITICS OF COUNCIL

## Five Stations Planned for Village Area

Chairman Peterson Outlines Plans for Preparedness Here

Immediate recruitment of at least 170 volunteers to man five air raid stations in the Palm Springs area is being sought by Robert Peterson, city treasurer and executive officer of the local Disaster Council.

Peterson announced that he was acting on orders from Col. H. G. Halverson, chairman of the county disaster council. This program is in accord with an order issued almost ten days ago by Governor Earl Warren setting up a state-wide civilian air raid warning system.

"THERE WILL be five stations established in the Palm Springs area," Peterson announced. "The locations are one in Palm Springs, one in Cathedral City and one each at Thousand Palms, Salvia and the Palm Springs railroad station." Salvia is located halfway between Garnet and Thousand Palms.

The plan calls for a force of 34 volunteers at each station and will include one supervisor, two assistant supervisors, one chief observer and thirty observers.

"The operation of these stations when and if activated will involve an eight hour duty tour for each person," Peterson announced.

HE ADDED that the air raid warning service is presently on

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## CIVIL SERVICE PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS AT LOW COST

"Civil service does not cost a community a penny and it pays off in dividends of greater efficiency and loyalty of public service employees."

So declared James J. Traynor, executive secretary of the Peace Officers and Public Employees Civil Service Federation in an interview with a Desert Sun reporter. Traynor was in the Village for a day en route to El Centro.

"SEVERAL COMMUNITIES the size of Palm Springs have recently embraced the use of civil service in the employment of men and women," said Traynor, "and I have heard that Palm Springs is studying the subject now."

Traynor pointed out that the civil service was first introduced in this country in 1883 in the employment of federal employees and since that time has become much broader and more comprehensive.

"TODAY CIVIL service for public employees has become coupled with civil betterment and efficient public service," Traynor said. "Time has proven the value to the public of this measure, and has resulted in a higher caliber of men and women working as public servants."

He said that communities without civil service "act as a training center for efficient men and women who, at the first opportunity move on to communities where civil service is in effect."

"WITHOUT GOING into the employee record of Palm Springs," declared Traynor, "I'm sure that the turnover in employees here has been large."

He pointed out that the merit system of employment under a well planned civil service setup can be soundly administered and "helps honest officials and

## New Directional Sign for Palm Springs Authorized

Board of directors of Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce Wednesday authorized the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$1500 for erection of a Palm Springs directional sign at the eastern entrance to Indio where Highway 111 leaves Highways 60-70-99 at Palm Springs junction.

Seven bids are under study for the sign and decision will be announced later.

The new sign will direct traffic to Palm Springs via Highway 111 through Palm Desert, Ran-

cho Mirage, Cathedral City and other communities along the line. Need for such a sign has long been expressed.

Directors at a recent meeting reported that local hotels and guest ranches with signs at the northern entrance of the city, where Highway 111 branches off from 60-70-99 at Palm Springs junction, had agreed to put distance figures on their advertising signs. Otherwise the junction is already well signed by the state highway department.

NOW LET'S CONSIDER the wisdom of the expenditure. Most states, counties and cities which make a bid for tourist business spend tax funds for promotion. Nowhere could such an arrangement be more justified than in Palm Springs—a community which is almost entirely dependent on tourist business for its existence. If we were reduced to swapping dollars, the entire town would soon be bankrupt. To attract visitors to Palm Springs in competition with other winter resorts we must keep the community publicized—and ADVERTISE it. The council

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## Coordinating Council Plan Reactivated

Mayor Charles Farrell's coordinating council, which met Tuesdays throughout the winter but was discontinued because of the supposed summer "let up in activity" reactivated last week.

"There seems to be no slackening of interest in city affairs even if it is summer," said the mayor. "Throughout the winter many problems were threshed out at these meetings and the decisions reached served in shaping council actions."

"WITH THE STEADY interest in city affairs as evidenced by attendance at council meetings communications received, I am reactivating the coordinating council to enable Villagers to express their opinions and air their views."

"It is going to mean a lot of long trips for me to be here but it is in the interest of Palm Springs and if the meetings will help—and I'm certain they will—they should be held."

The meetings will be held every two weeks as in winter, he said.

FIRST SUMMER meeting of the coordinating council will be held at 12:30 p.m. July 18 at the Chi Chi.

The mayor made his announcement of the resumption of coordinating group meetings at last Friday's council session. It was during discussion of a series of questions asked council by the Property Taxpayers Committee for Economy. He extended a personal invitation to Foster Simonsen of the committee, to attend.

"I'm not the head of the organization," said Simonsen. "but I'll take your kind invitation back to the group and I'm sure a representative will be present at the July 18 meeting."

## This Clerk Due For Real Shock

When Paramount's "The Eagle and the Hawk" plays in Sedona, Arizona, one citizen of that little-known town is going to get the shock of his life.

Much of the Technicolor picture, which stars John Payne, Rhonda Fleming and Dennis O'Keefe, and opens today at the Village Palm Springs Theater, was filmed on location near Sedona. Naturally the stars often went into town to do their shopping.

On one such occasion, Payne became involved in conversation with a store clerk.

"Say, stranger," said the clerk, obviously not recognizing the actor, "you're a pretty good lookin' feller—why don't you wander over to where they're makin' that picture and pick up a few extra dollars. Maybe they could use you to ride a horse or somethin'."

Payne thanked the man and promised to investigate the situation.

"Sure, you got nuthin' to lose," the clerk insisted. "And when I see the picture I'll look for you."

## Archie Long's Band at Legion

Archie Long's Palm Springs dance band will play for the American Legion dances tomorrow night and July 22, it was announced Wednesday.

The dances at American Legion hall are regular every-other-week dinner dances staged through the summer with good music and entertainment.

Long's band, a four-piece combination, played for previous dances at the Legion and was well received.

On the committee are Charles LaRue, Archie Long and Charles Valentino. The dinner will be served in the patio and the dance will be held in the auditorium.

## It Paid Off and Good They Say

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## Flood District Plans Now Under Study

Directors of Zone 6 county flood control district, were studying projects and figures aired at yesterday's meeting and will have the budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year ready for announcement soon. Commissioners W. R. Hillery, Culver Nichols and Herbert Samson met yesterday to consider the budget.

## Road Tax and Sanitation Laws Subject of Planners

Enactment of a drastic new county sanitary ordinance and a special tax levy for improving secondary roads in the fourth district provided main topics for discussion last week when members of the Coachella Valley Advisory Planning committee met at Coachella.

The committee voted to ask supervisors to include a 21-cent road tax in the 1950-51 budget. Opposition to the tax came from San Gorgonio Pass and Palo Verde areas representatives of which said taxes were high

enough without asking an extra levy. Proponents said the district was so large that gasoline tax funds would not pay the bill to improve needed roads.

The sanitary measure also came under discussion when the claim was made that the new law would be a nuisance. Water company officials however, claimed that it was necessary to protect water supplies from contamination.

The matter was referred to the health and sanitation committee for study and a report at the next meeting.

## Zoning Foe Out Of Board Race

Complete official count of votes cast in the June 6 primary brought to light one big change in the results which, however, does not directly affect Palm Springs.

In the fifth supervisorial district, now represented by Chairman Floyd Gilmore, Norman Smith, foe of zoning, was knocked out of the running when an error was found in the unofficial count. Instead, Sherman Lewis, city judge at San Jacinto, will face Gilmore in the November run-off.

In the second district Charles Bridges and Irwin Hayden will fight it out for the seat vacated by Ed Hill.

The fourth district contest in November will be between Helen Hester and Homer Varner, both of Indio.

No changes were found in the official count of votes from the fourth district.

## Has New Plan To Reduce Taxes

There's a new organization being formed in the county, designed to cut taxes by a new method.

Dale Kiler, retired Coachella Valley farmer, announced in Riverside Saturday that he was going to form a "Less Taxes" organization in Riverside county and that he would start soliciting members this week on a county-wide basis.

With reference to criticism of

more than \$10,000 was spent on the manner in which last year's single project, Mayor Farrell handled, the Mayor explained:

"Substantial progress has been made on all items of bond issue with the exception of the widening of Indian Avenue and the construction of McCallum Way.

The construction of all items at once would have overburdened the city engineering staff and could easily result in increased contract costs because the labor market would be overtaxed."

With reference to a question seeking information on council's attitude toward written recommendations "with respect to problems confronting council and taxpayers," the mayor replied:

"All such comments are welcome and will be considered. They will not, however, all be adopted for the reason that the council by virtue of the hours devoted to city business, is frequently better informed on all facets of a problem."

"Council," concluded the mayor's letter, "is elected as the legislative body of the city and as such cannot delegate to any group or individual its responsibility for making final decisions."

Burglars broke into the Dr. P. A. Staley home, 359 Valmonte del Norte and stole articles of clothing, police were informed Monday.

The doctor believes the entry took place some time between June 23 and July 1 while he was out of town. When he returned the physician reported a bedroom door, leading to the outside, was open.

Police Officer Howard Poe is investigating.

**Flames Destroy Desert Landmark**

Flames last week destroyed an oasis near Oasis on the county desert when Fig Tree John Springs, a landmark for years, went up in smoke.

Fig Tree John's has long been noted in southern California, in early days it was a water stop on the Yuma-Los Angeles journey and also an overnight stop for tourists.

Only time will tell whether the venerable palms will grow again observers said.

## Villager Starts Training Course

Tomorrow R. K. Summit, 210 Crest View drive, starts an intensive two-week training course for naval reserve officers training course midshipmen at Little Creek, Va., amphibious base.

A junior at Stanford university, he will join 950 other students from 52 United States colleges and universities.

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## Group Organizes To Study Issues And Candidates

County-wide organization to study candidates and issues which held its first meeting here last week, will meet again July 28 at the American Legion hall in Beaumont. It was announced by its sponsors this week.

Good Voters League, at first called the Progressive Voters League had its origin in Palm Springs with Charlie Valentino acting as temporary chairman. Permanent officers may be elected at the Beaumont meeting; he said.

According to reports he had hired a Yellow Cab in Indio and made the trip all the way to Palm Springs where he hoped to travel the rest of the way to his destination via Greyhound bus.

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In his attempt to leave the Mexican border and his native land as far as possible behind him and quickly too, a Wet Mexican rolled up to the door of the local bus station in grand style.

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# City's Share Of Auto Fees To be \$17,560

## SLACK PERIOD? THERE JUST ISN'T ANY SAY VILLAGE PEACE GUARDIANS

Allocation of \$17,560 in motor vehicle license fees, also known as the "in lieu tax," to Palm Springs was announced Wednesday by State Controller Thomas Kuchel. The disbursement covered the period from December 1, 1949, to May 31, 1950 as was based on the population of the city at the special census in 1946. Allocations will be based on the 1950 figures as soon as they are officially available, Kuchel said.

The allocation was at the rate of 2,434 per capita computed on a population figure of 7213 for the village.

Riverside county received \$256,673.94 as its share and cities of the county \$217,536.63.

Palm Springs' share was the third largest in the county, exceeded by the county seat and Corona.

## County Fifth In Southland In Population

Riverside's rate of growth was fifth among eight southern California counties, figures revealed yesterday. The county gained 60 per cent to take fifth place in population in the southland.

San Diego county showed the greatest growth, 85 per cent, and Imperial the least, five per cent. San Bernardino county gained 72 per cent, Orange 64 per cent, Ventura, 63 per cent and Santa Barbara, 38 per cent.

## Herrera Finds Policeman's Life Has Many Tasks

Sobs shook the little girl and tears rolled down her face as she looked with great anxiety at the tiny rabbit that laid at her feet.

Then a big policeman with a cane came and took the little rabbit away.

Who the little girl was, Officer John Herrera in his report of the incident, did not state. He only knew that the more quickly he took the rabbit away the more quickly would the little sobbing child forget.

The rabbit, according to police reports running perhaps from one of its natural enemies had collided head-on into a transparent glass door breaking its back, Officer Herrera explained.

The little girl might be able to read, so what followed after Officer Herrera took the rabbit away cannot be printed. You understand?

## Heat Blamed For 3 Deaths

Heat in the eastern end of the desert was blamed for three fatalities in Indio hospital this week.

Mrs. Frances Addison, 46, of Twin Falls, Idaho, was overcome on Highway 60 near Desert Center and was dead on arrival at Indio hospital. Heat exhaustion was blamed for the death of Refugio Zamora, 58, and heat exposure complicated by a heart condition caused the death of an unidentified laborer at Oasis.

## Woman's Screams Rout Peeping Tom

With nothing but some large footprints as a clue, Palm Springs police were searching today for a peeping Tom, described as swarthy, medium height and when last seen by one of his victims in the 300 block on North El Segundo road, was wearing a white T-shirt.

Police rushed to the area when reports of a screaming woman was reported. Investigation proved that the woman was Mrs. Albright, 325 North El Segundo road, who described the peeping Tom. Police found footprints of the peeper near the Albright home.

## Man Injured When Auto Runs Into Wall

Leonard O. Delgado, 29, of Alto Loma, was treated at Palm Springs Community hospital for minor injuries incurred when the automobile in which he was a passenger collided with a stone wall at the corner of Stevens road and North Palm Canyon drive at 1:30 a.m. Monday.

The car was operated by his brother Jess Olvera Delgado, who was uninjured.

## Those Bats Caused Her to Call Police

Mrs. A. M. Stevens, manager of the Normandie Village called police for assistance Sunday. Five teenagers, all with baseball bats in their hands insisted that she give them the address of the owner Leon Gordon, motion picture director.

She refused and when they persisted, Mrs. Stevens called the police.

Police Officer Howard Poe dispersed them.

Life in the Village may have slowed down to the annual summer tempo but not for members of the Palm Springs police department.

Officer Herrera wrote: "Must have broken the 440 yard dash in catching that Indian with the bottle of joy juice in his hand." The "joy juice" in this case was the illegal possession of firewater in the hands of a redman forbidden by law.

DURING A TWO-DAY period last week several ministers called on Captain Orest Johnson, acting chief of police in the absence of Chief August Kettmann. They came seeking clemency for a wayward juvenile, product of a broken home, who has given only buys suits with one pair of pants and never gave a second thought to the possibility that suits can be bought today with two pairs of trousers. The wallet was found in that extra pair of pants in the Cortez clothes closet. But police in this town are not boorish. They assured Mr. Cortez that "certainly there was a burglar and not lapse of memory involved."

Police have come to the conclusion that women alone at home during nights are exceptionally brave creatures. Most of them never scream when they see a strange, ugly face balefully staring at them through a window. A man in the same situation always reaches for a gun to gain for himself a greater one-sided advantage. Or he jumps into bed, pulls the covers over his head, and lays there shivering with fright hoping the bad man selected the wrong window to peer through. Not so the little woman. She nonchalantly reaches for a telephone and calmly dialing 2144 reports the incident to the police who come a-rushing.

OFFICER W. L. JESSUP is nonplussed by the number of merchants during any one week who forget to lock their establishments at the end of the day, leaving thousands of dollars in merchandise easily accessible.

Jessup usually waits beside the unlocked door, while the merchant roused from sleep, dresses and makes the journey downtown to lock the door.

Supervisor Ed Hill let fellow supervisors know how he felt about school children and safety Monday.

When a motion to vote approximately \$4000 for crossing guards near schools in unincorporated areas in the county failed Hill said:

"If a child were killed or injured my conscience would never be clear."

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from gasoline tax funds which should be spent for roads. They thought it was up to school districts to provide the guards.

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## Does Russia Dare Start New World War?

(California Feature Service)

Overnight, the confusion and partisan bickering over America's foreign relations have given way to determination that a new world war won't overwhelm us for lack of a forthright stand.

If Russia thought that its armed aggression in South Korea would go unchallenged as similar acts of Mussolini, Hitler and the Japanese war lords did prior to the full flowering of World War II, the immediate American military reaction certainly disabused the Soviets of that thought.

Russia has done a masterful job—up until last week—in waging cold warfare against the western world. But whether the Soviets are anxious to engage in a shooting war is highly debatable.

Some military experts believe that Russia is not as invulnerable to invasion as is commonly supposed. When Germany first invaded Russia during World War II, German troops were welcomed

in many border villages, and there were mass surrenders of Russian forces. It was only when Hitler, in his fanatical contempt for all peoples not members of the "master race," instituted the scorched earth policy, that Russian resistance stiffened.

Furthermore, it is estimated today that one of every ten Russians is confined in a slave labor camp, which would indicate that the Russian Communist Party has a subversive problem far greater than their own fifth column poses to the Democracies.

By its immediate and forceful action, the United States has, in effect, called Russia's bluff. There will be no piecemeal Soviet conquest. If Russia wants a full-scale war, it's here for the asking now—not six months, a year or five years hence when she has grown immeasurably stronger by petty territorial thievery.

Does Russia dare fight? The next few weeks will bring the answer.

progress, like the progress of the past, depends on the maintenance of the American spirit of freedom, initiative and adventure. It was that spirit that made possible the priceless gift that is ours today of nineteen extra years of life.

### The Butcher Retires

(Providence Bulletin)

That picturesque fellow, the butcher, is threatened with extinction—or at least obscurity. What's threatening him? Meat packaging, that's what. It has got all the women sauntering along the cool sunken counter picking up cellophane steaks, hamburger, squashy liver and soft, braised, ham.

This is not to say that the butcher is quite through yet, washed up and retired to a seat beside the candlestick maker and the village blacksmith. No. Right now he has simply retired back stage in his straw hat and apron, there at greater leisure to cut steaks, grind hamburger and slice ham electrically.

We've all seen the change coming. Years now it has been since many of us city folks have had the privilege of watching this adroit slicer of meat and sawer of bones sharpen his wicked blade on that long daggerlike steel or whack off thick chops with the nonchalance of a medieval headsman—and within an inch of his thumb.

We suppose the Chicago meat packers will leave him plenty to do behind the scenes, but they're closing in on him fast. A little over a year ago, says one packaging researcher, there were only about 400 stores with 100 per cent self-service in this country. Last March there were more than 1700. That's pretty neat.

In the half-century ahead, the AMA president foresaw even more amazing medical progress. He predicted victory over cancer, polio, arthritis, rheumatic fever, premature heart disease and high blood pressure, and stated that it was reasonable to expect that pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis, the common cold and other infectious conditions will be reduced to an absolute minimum by new methods of prevention, control and treatment.

Most Americans will fervently echo Dr. Henderson's hope for the future, and agree with his conclusion that future

### Politically Speaking

By ETHEL GILLETT WHITEHORN

#### DON'T CHANGE HORSES

The Korean situation, if not will give the President everything he has asked for—with a most damaging effect on more to come. To date the 81st Congress, controlled by men of the general election due in November. Already, the Democratic National Committee, backed by a powerful safety margin, is asking for a vote against the promotion of socialism. The voters,

if alert, will not permit the fear of war to destroy that safety valve. Certainly, after 18 years of the New Deal, they know that the threat of war, cold or hot, has been used many times to make political hay.

In the case of gubernatorial candidates for California, Mr. Truman has given his blessings to James Roosevelt. Think that one over, voters. Earl Warren was our wartime Governor. He is our postwar Governor. He knows every detail of defense so far as this west coast is concerned. Yet the President of the United States would take from the people of California all the benefits to be derived from Governor Warren's wartime experience, and place our destiny in the hands of an amateur politician.

The American people didn't change horses in the middle of the stream in 1940. Nor did they make a change in 1944 when World War II was nearing a climax. No doubt horses should have been changed in 1948, but they were not and only history will record, at some future date, the gravity of that error.

Now we come to 1950—a most explosive period in history. The State of California borders the Pacific. And just a few air miles away are Korea, Formosa, Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, Communist China—and Russia.

That Mr. Truman should give the nod to James Roosevelt at a time when California needs the steady hand of Governor Warren, is a stroke of political folly most unbecoming of the President of the United States.

We shall not change horses, Mr. President. Out here, in the west, we know how to ride 'em, cowboy.

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## California Cavalcade

By CARL KUHN



## Memory Lane

(From the files of The Desert Sun of the week of July 7, 1930.)

R. J. Little, game warden Sunday distributed 8000 trout in the stream in Snow Creek.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will build a large telephone station at Whitewater. It will be one of the most important on the system as transcontinental messages will be "boosted."

Fire in a cabin at the southwestern corner of Hotel of the Oasis grounds Sunday demonstrated the need of fire equipment in the Village. Only the absence of wind prevented a serious blaze. The cabin was destroyed. One of the wheels came off one of the antiquated fire carts on the run to the blaze.

Earl Neel, Clarence Macey and William Trout, local Boy Scouts, have returned from a camping trip at Idyllwild.

Herbert Samson is spending the weekend at Old Baldy.

Merrit Williams, after a month's vacation, has returned to his clerkship at the local postoffice. He visited with friends and relatives in the central states.

Carl G. Lykken came down from Idyllwild where he is spending the summer to put in several days here looking after his business interests.

Street names were changed this week as supervisors granted the petition of many local residents. It was explained to the county board that when the Village was laid out it was intended for an agricultural community and the names given streets were then appropriate. But with the conversion of Palm Springs into a desert resort these names were no longer desirable and that name more in keeping with its present nature should be adopted.

"Agricultural workers and others who handle insecticides containing organic phosphates (parathion, tetraethyl pyrophosphate, hexaethyl tetraphosphate) should use great caution to protect themselves from the dangers of poisoning by these compounds" Doctor Everett M. Stone, Riverside county health officer, warned.

Under the program North street becomes Alejo road; Lemon street, Amado road; Lawn street, Andreas road; Park street, Arenas road; Lime street, Baristo road; South street, Ramon road; Palm street, Belardo road; Orange street, Cahuita road; Vine street, Lugo road; West street, Patencio road; Main street, Palm Canyon drive; Springs street, Tahquitz drive.

Indian avenue which bisects the Village along the reservation line, will retain its name.

### Ten Years Ago

Assessed value of Palm Springs for 1940 was \$6,322,000 as compared with \$6,202,320 in 1939.

Bill Marte, contractor, was injured in an automobile accident at Cathedral City Sunday.

Fire Chief Bill Leoniosi will spend his vacation attending the International Association of Fire Chiefs convention in Tacoma.

The Southern Counties 90-ton storage tank north of town will soon be moved to a new location against the mountains.

City Councilman Frank Persing was elected president of the high school board.

and sickle imposed on them.

6. That we should have a new

Secretary of State.

7. That the commencement platform of Harvard University should henceforth be "out of bounds" for any Secretary of State.

## (Starts on Page One)

## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

appropriated \$29,500 for the 1949-50 season. We really needed more to do a good job. There are so many good publicity and advertising mediums that the funds have to be spread pretty thin. For example, city funds were spent this year for newspaper and magazine advertising space, publicity preparation and distribution, photography, printed promotional material, convention promotion, photo murals for department store displays, and on many other methods of attracting NEW visitors to Palm Springs.

Residential property owners who are not in business here should not object to the small amount included in their tax bill for promotion of the community. This is an investment in community prosperity—is needed to keep Palm Springs going. A community which is not enjoying some measure of prosperity is not even a good place in which to live. There are, of course, residents who do not care if Palm Springs grows—would prefer that it didn't. This is understandable but it is impossible to hold back the growth of a good place to live.

One more point. The business interests of Palm Springs pay a heavy license tax in addition to the tax on their stock of merchandise—and real estate, if owned by them. These license taxes amount to about \$50,000 a year. The merchants are, in a sense, paying for the promotional program.

So, when it comes to considering city expenditures, let's not try to economize on an item which is REVENUE PRODUCING.

## Sounds Warning on Insecticides

splashed in the eye, will cause temporary blindness.

**REVIEWING** protective measures advised by the State Department of Public Health and manufacturers of these products. Doctor Stone lists the following as particularly important:

(1) Handlers should be constantly aware of the extreme toxicity of these insecticides.

(2) All contact with the skin should be avoided.

(3) Natural rubber gloves should be worn.

(4) Any exposed portion of the skin should be washed immediately and thoroughly with soap and water.

(5) Freshly laundered clothes should be worn each day, including socks and underwear.

(6) Sprayers and others, likely to be drenched with the liquid product should wear water-repellent garments, including hats.

(7) Inhalation should be avoided by use of a chemical cartridge respirator, if recommended; keeping windward of spray or dust; or for momentary exposure, by not inhaling.

(8) Use of tobacco in any form, eating, drinking, or touching mouth or nostrils with unwashed hands should be carefully avoided.

(9) Recently treated produce in the field should not be eaten.

No reports of poisoning from consumption of organic phosphates have been received by the State Health Department.

The State Department of Agriculture recommend 30-day intervals between application of the insecticides, and harvesting of the crops. If this is heeded, it is believed there is no danger to consumers.

## Appreciates Aid

Editor, The Desert Sun: We of the Palm Desert Fire Department wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for your help in promoting the Firemen's Ball.

It might interest you to know that the party attracted a record number of people, and that due to the large net profit, our new building is well on the way to being a reality.

We are greatly indebted to you for your cheerful cooperation. Thank you very much.

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## Son of Winter Residents to Wed Tuesday

Miss Georgiana Peters, who will become the bride of Joseph N. Borroughs III next Tuesday, was honored at a tea given by Mrs. Joseph Newton Borroughs, the bridegroom-to-be's mother, at the Women's Athletic club in Oakland recently. The wedding will take place next Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal church, San Francisco. With a reception to follow at the San Francisco golf club. Flowers and an orchestra for the affair will be flown from Hawaii.

They plan to spend their honeymoon in Hawaii where they met a year ago.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peters of San Francisco and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Newton Borroughs of Piedmont and well known Palm Springs winter residents.

Mr. Borroughs is a graduate of Thacher and served in the navy during the last war. He is a graduate of University of California and a member of Zeta Psi. He is presently engaged in business in San Francisco with his father and is a member of the Bachelor's club of that city. His and Miss Peters were guests at the Borrough's winter colony home on Camino el Mirasol earlier this season. His only sister is Mrs. Robert C. Hoover, a bride of last season.

## Alchians Leave For Bay Area

Mr. and Mrs. Von Alchian left yesterday for San Francisco where they plan to spend part of the summer.

## Councilwoman Hardy Back from Hawaii

Mrs. Ruth Hardy, owner of the Ingleside Inn was back in the Village following a month's sojourn in Hawaii. She reported that the climate on the island was delightful throughout her stay but that she was "more than glad to get back to Palm Springs."

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## Palm Desert Sunbeams

BY EDITH EDDY WARD

Palm Desert has a "new look," due to the thoughtfulness of H. O. L. Staniforth, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Redlands. That beautiful and thriving city, whose population is approximately 18,000, needed more room for civic expansion. In order to solve this problem, the decision was made to remove twenty-one Washington filifera palms from the heart of the city. Rather than destroy these beautiful trees which stand thirty to forty feet high and were put into the ground by the original subdividers of Redlands, thus making them about sixty to seventy years old, it was the idea of Mr. Staniforth to offer them to Palm Desert. He has been watching the growth of Palm Desert with great interest and felt the trees would take to their new home and at the same time the lives of these old timers would be saved to give pleasure to those who admire their state-of-the-art beauty. These twenty-one trees are now gracing the site of Palm Desert's civic center, which is being designed by Tommy Tomson of Pacific Palisades. It will include a Farmer's Market and feature a date market. The completed plans will make it a true desert oasis.

The desert has done wonders for Don McNeilly, the man who couldn't live without an oxygen tank when he first came here from Oakland, due to a severe case of bronchitis. He has so improved he has decided he is going to live a long time and is planning for the future by purchasing an acre plot of ground at Palm Desert, proceeding immediately to build income units, starting with eight.

Jacque Mercer, from Phoenix, Miss America of 1950, has been seen quite often at the club during the past week. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stewart of Los Angeles, who have purchased a home at Palm Desert. Mr. Stewart is President of Catalina Swim Suits, and also owns the "Miss America Contest" at Atlantic City. Miss Mercer travels all over modeling the Catalina Swim Suits at the major department stores. She has just finished a trip throughout the United States modeling at the most famous department stores in America and is now taking a well-earned rest before going into the movies as a result of a couple of the movie companies.

That popular youngster, Bobby Moore, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Moore of Indio, is thrilled with the gorgeous Hoffman television console set he won at the Fireman's Ball held at Shadow Mountain Club on Monday, June 26. Nothing could have been more appropriate, because Bobby has been crippled for four years now and unable to walk at all. There were three thousand tickets sold for a chance to win the set and when Ole Olesen announced that it had been won by a crippled boy, the applause brought the house down and tears to the eyes and a lump in the throat of practically everyone present.

## Bennetts Plan Idaho Summer

Frank Bennett, his wife Melba and daughter Dee, returned to the Village for a two-day stay prior to their departure for the summer to Idaho. Mr. Bennett said the family plans to do some fishing and sight seeing in Idaho and will return to the Village some time in September.

## Therieaus Host Holiday Party

Judge and Mrs. Eugene E. Therieau hosted a Fourth of July party for friends Tuesday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. John Archibald and Mrs. Ray Alford.

**Harold Hicks**

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**Host Party on Anniversary**

Harold Hicks vacationing with his family at Laguna Beach was in the Village Wednesday, making the journey here to attend the City Planning Commission's meeting held the same day at the City Hall.

## QUALITY AT A PRICE

Reduced for a quick turn-over is this beautiful modern home in Sun View Estates. Two bedrooms; tiled bath with colored fixtures; beautiful planting inside the house and out. Panoramic view of the pass and Mt. San Jacinto from the glass living room.

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Well located business property is a gilt edge investment. 4 Las Palmas Lots with a 185 foot business frontage on Palm Canyon—Facing the El Mirador. Depth of 291 feet—street to street. An ideal location at a sacrifice price \$60,000 — TERMS.

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## Lecture Tomorrow, Concert Sunday at Idyllwild Center

The Lora Steere Sculpture Studio on the campus of the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts will be dedicated tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

The Steere Sculpture Studio is located near the Arts Center in the midst of the most beautiful rock formation one can imagine as a setting for a sculpture studio. The studio itself houses the ceramics classes during the summer session at the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, as well as the kiln for both ceramics and modelling classes. Mrs. Steere's classes meet in the inspiring, rock-surrounded patio of the studio.

**TAKING PART** in the dedication ceremonies will be William Courtney, a member of the board of trustees of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

Also, as a part of Saturday's dedication ceremonies will be a lecture-demonstration at 8:30 p.m. in the Bowman Arts Center, on "Abraham Lincoln—from boyhood to manhood" by Merrill Gage, nationally known sculptor-lecturer and a member of the faculty at the Uni-

versity of Southern California.

Peter Meremblum's California Junior Symphony orchestra will appear in the Atwater Kent Bowl on the campus of the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts on Sunday, July 9th at 5:00 p.m.

**MR. MEREMBLUM**, founder and conductor, will present Charles Previn as guest conductor in the Concerto in E Flat for trumpet and orchestra by Bowditch with Irving Bush as soloist; Mr. Previn will also direct the orchestra in Elsa's Procession from Lohengrin by Wagner. Also featured as soloists will be Lucille Breymeyer, Marco Negrete, and Patsy Hourihan, violinists, in Vivaldi's Concerto in F for three violins and orchestra. Other selections scheduled for the twilight concert are the overture to "Rienzi" by Wagner; Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony; the Reverie for strings by Scriabin; the Song of Spring by Grieg; Tchaikovsky's Valse from the suite for string orchestra; and Rimsky-Korsakoff's Bouffon Dance from the "Snowmaiden."

Chaplain L. Clark Aydelotte of the General hospital at Alhambra, will preach at the 11 a.m. service at Community church Sunday it was announced Wednesday. He has been a frequent visitor to the Village and has visited the pulpit at Community church before.

Sunday school at Community church is conducted throughout the summer months at 9:45 a.m. with Mrs. Robert Watson in charge of the primary department and Mrs. Paul Traver conducting the beginner's group. Teachers are provided for all classes and ages.

**Villagers Visit In New Mexico**

Mr. and Mrs. Lieb L. Rosen of Palm Springs are in Taos, New Mexico, visiting their son, Dr. A. M. Rosen and family and their daughter Mrs. A. M. Kay and family.

They started the summer in Los Angeles during the Shrine convention and from Taos will go to Chicago and St. Louis to visit relatives and friends and then into Canada and the Pacific northwest.

**It Would Have Been Better Out Here**

All that he needed to make it a perfect day was a bit of the desert sunshine.

So C. S. Cobb of Cathedral City wrote friends there this week from Fratonia, N. H., where he had just taken a ride on the tramway.

"It was a great view but would have been better if I'd been looking over our desert."

**At the Chi Chi**

Seen most every weekend dining at the Chi Chi with his beautiful blonde wife is Ham Johns, one of the foremost insurance men of Long Beach and Las Palmas estate home owner here. Word has it that Mr. Johns plans to open a Palm Springs branch of his Long Beach insurance firm sometime before the opening of the 1950-51 winter season.

ental Ogee pattern with flower forms taken from the Crewel-work hangings in the Dering living room in Mount Vernon, New York. The rug has been awarded honors in a number of exhibitions in the east and is included in this book are four outstanding hooked rugs in the new book "Hooked Rug Design" by William Winthrop Kent. Also included in this book are four other original designs by Mrs. Dering, three of which are on display at the workroom of the class at the school. These three rugs each took a blue ribbon in different classes at the Los Angeles County fair at Pomona, last fall.

The classes held each Monday at the Idyllwild public school, are under the adult education program of the Hemet Unified school district and are open to all without expense other than the registration fee. All of the professional class, rugs and many others made by Mrs. Dering's pupils may be seen any Monday at the class sessions.

Next fall the big rug will grace the living room floor of the new home which the Dering's are building at 1252 Riverside Drive, North, Palm Springs.

**Host Party on Anniversary**

Raked up by a salty ol' son of the beach—Conky.

**THE BEACHCOMBER**

Is NOT a misnomer—It's just a breath of Ocean air—To freshen up our Village fair—This quaint shop's a new-comer—Will be open all Summer—With togs for wind, sand & sun—Scimpies, scanties, brevities all for fun—

For gals, guys and little tikes—For riding, golfing, swimming—hikes—

An important point—VIVIAN runs the joint—When the cat's away, The desert rats'll play—Now at the Chi Chi—Where it's so n-i-c-e! Si-Si—Among many things—About Palm Springs—Is the friendly spirit—You always hear it—Then with saivo foire—To the Casual-aire—We send our over-flow—

Bob & Jean—you know—To us they do the same—it's a friendly game.

William Roberts, fireman USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roberts of the Village, spent the Fourth of July holiday in New Orleans. He is attached to the USS Baseline, unit of the Atlantic fleet.

The above will be offered for sale at 324 Federal Building, Los Angeles, Cal., at 10 A.M., July 13, 1950.

Bids will be accepted up to time of sale by the undersigned.

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**ON THE OTHER HAND. The**

**McCanns Enjoy Trip to Mexico**

It's nice south of the border and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McCann are having a pleasant vacation there, according to word received by friends this week.

Writing in Spanish to Mrs. Louise McCann, city clerk, McCann, former city councilman, said:

# Final Budget Action Reset For July 19

Council Wednesday afternoon had easy going throughout the session in direct contrast to the three previous meetings.

The reason: there was a lack of any discussion or debate regarding the 1950-51 proposed budget, a magnate which drew hundreds of taxpayers to the other three meetings.

City Manager Russell Rink, when asked by acting mayor Tom Kiely, if he had anything to report on the budget, said that in view of the vast amount of work yet to be done in "ironing out some divisions of the budget, the entire matter would be brought up for adoption at the next council meeting."

"We hope to have the budget ready for adoption at the next council meeting," declared Manager Rink.

**From Page One—MORE ABOUT AIR RAID**

a standby status and the stations will be alerted on call, "but personnel are needed now," Peterson emphasized.

It is his belief that a training period for each volunteer is planned.

"All persons who desire to volunteer at one of the stations should communicate with me at once," Peterson said.

**THEY CAN DO SO** by telephoning 2202, the City Hall or by letter stating the station at which the desired duty is sought, legibly signed by the applicant including telephone number and address.

"As soon as recruitment is completed," Peterson declared, "the Palm Springs group will stand by and await instructions."

Persons with civilian air raid training during World War II are asked to volunteer, Peterson added.

**NEVER TOO HOT** for a want ad to work for you. Phone 2249.

## GUN PLAY

(A Short Story)  
By RICHARD BILL WILKINSON

SHERIFF WILL CARTER was amazed to discover that the little man on the pinto horse so much resembled himself. The expression on his weather-beaten face did not change as the discovery struck home and started a chain of thoughts racing through his mind.

He had heard stories about a man down Pecos way who was a dead ringer for himself. The man's name was Shug Whitman. He was known as a gunman and an outlaw, but so far the law hadn't been able to pin anything on him. Now what? Sheriff Will asked himself, would this Shug Whitman be doing way up here in Maverick County?

There was only one answer to that. Whitman had come up to join Twisty Mellon, who had robbed the Maverick City bank some three



Will was jerked halfway round by the impact of a bullet against his shoulder.

weeks ago and whom Will had been trailing ever since. Twisty had needed help and had sent for Whitman, and here was Whitman on his way to Twisty's hideout.

Of course this was all speculation and rather wild guessing, but Sheriff Will had reached a point in his hunt for Twisty where he believed wild guessing was as good as any.

"Thanks for the markings, P.M. grinn," said Will, handing back the sack of tobacco. Shug Whitman reached for the sack and Will grabbed his wrist and yanked him off the back of the pinto. When Shug looked up from his sprawling position on the ground, sputtering curses, he found the business end of Will's old six-shooter staring him straight in the eye.

Will was methodical about what he did next. First he relieved Shug Whitman of his shooting iron. Then he handcuffed him and made him climb into the saddle of his, Will's bay. He roped the gunman's ankles securely beneath the bay's belly, then headed the bay back toward Maverick City and slapped him soundly on the rump.

Will knew that the bay would go home and knew that when his deputy, Baldy Cross, saw the handcuffed Whitman he, Baldy, would think things over and finally get it through his thick head that something funny had happened. Will checked to himself, thinking of

## THE MAYOR'S REPLY

(Below is the complete text of Mayor Charles Farrell's reply to the letter of the Property Taxpayers association which was published last Friday in The Desert Sun.)

Mr. H. F. Pendery  
Property Taxpayers Committee  
for City Economy  
Box 1089  
Palm Springs, California  
Dear Mr. Pendery:

The following are the answers to your questions directed to the City Council by letter of June 28, 1950.

If it became impossible to widen Indian Avenue and improve McCallum Way as set out in the bond issue voted by the people in 1949, the \$185,000 could be used to retire the bonds, or the City Council could submit a proposition to the voters to use the funds for some other purpose. Should the Council not follow either course the voters could compel the Council to place the matter on the ballot by filing an initiative petition containing the names of 15% of the voters registered at the last election.

2. The money paid by the City to the Chamber of Commerce for promotional and publicity work is handled under the terms of Ordinance 192 adopted by the people. A majority vote of the people would have to be secured in order to repeat it. Placing the matter on the ballot would require the procedure outlined above.

3. Concerning the contract awarded for the construction of 230 horse stalls, the action taken by the Council could be rescinded by the people if a sufficient number of them saw fit to recall the present Council and elect a new one before the stalls were constructed.

4. Your question concerning what method might be employed to protect the taxpayers from exploitation by minority groups during the summer months carries the inference that the Council cannot be trusted to carry out in a prudent manner the public trust placed upon them when the people elected them as their representatives. May I call to your attention that all members of the Council are taxpayers and several of them are among the largest taxpayers in the city. Even if none of them were taxpayers they were elected by the democratic processes established by the National and State constitutions.

Councilmen serve without pay and devote many hours of their time during the summer as well as the winter to the interests of the people of Palm Springs.

Your suggestion that no capital expenditure over \$10,000 be

permitted without vote of the people would be a cumbersome expensive method of carrying on the business of a municipal corporation. You can imagine how long any private corporation would prosper if the stockholders would not permit the board of directors to make an expenditure without a poll of the stockholders. Our City is a substantial corporation and we intend to operate it in a business-like manner and not in the fashion of the New England town meeting which has long since been proven to be an archaic, wasteful form of government.

5. Substantial progress has been made on all items of bond issue with the exception of the widening of Indian Avenue and the construction of McCallum Way. A new fire station and 60 fire hydrants will be installed by next Fall. Palm tree planting and lighting on Palm Canyon Drive is practically complete. The public restroom will be completed within 60 days. Clearing of the site for the North End Park will be completed this summer and construction will start as soon as design of the park has been completed.

Construction of all items of the \$950,000 bond issue at once would have overburdened the City's engineering staff and could easily result in increased contract costs because the labor market would be overtaxed.

6. Concerning the submission of written recommendations by taxpayers to the Council, all such comments are welcomed and will be considered. They will not, however, all be adopted for the reason that the Council by virtue of the hours devoted to City business is frequently better informed on all facets of a problem. The Council employs engineers, planners, attorneys, accountants and a city manager to assist it in making wise decisions on the technical and complex problems of government. The Council, however, is elected as the legislative body of the City and as such cannot delegate to any group or individual its responsibility for making final decisions.

Sincerely yours,  
CHARLES D. FARRELL,  
Mayor.

## Scott Withdraws License Application

The city's protest against the issuance of an on-sale license to Herbert Scott, operator of the La Cita, will not be heard, it was announced at city council meeting Wednesday afternoon. The State Board of Equalization which would have held the hearing reported that Scott had withdrawn his application.

CELEBRATE SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peden, of the Village, will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary on Sunday July 9. For the celebration they will motor to Lancaster to visit Mrs. Peden's brother shortly after which they will head east to Chicago for an extended motor trip and vacation. The French-made alligator bags are the best. And the beauty of Mexico City! Broad avenues, beautifully kept parks! You'll want to spend hours in the National Palace, the National Museum, the Shrine of Guadalupe! Armfuls of flowers for pennies. After all the peso is eleven cents in our money! There are so many must-see places in Mexico — just to name a few —

Cuernavaca is beautiful and has a wonderful summer climate. (Ask Roy Randolph). Here you see the Palace of Cortez and the famous Diego Rivera frescoes. Also the Borda Gardens, once the summer residence of the Chi Chi — most of those are from nearby clubs.

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## LONGER LIFE SPAN IS SCIENCE'S HOPE

*And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years; and he died.—Genesis VI-27.*

**THE MOST LIBERAL ESTIMATE** of a future span of life the scientists can dream of for us is 550 years. And the basis for this broad conjecture is shaky.

But they offer strong promise for a normal life expectancy in the visible future of between 100 and 150 years—for which most of us would settle.

The doctors patch together that 550-year guess from this data: About 10 years ago, the death rate of humans at 10 years of age was one death among 800 children. That rate later declined to one death among 1450 children. Now, mathematical calculations indicate, if this death rate should hold throughout the entire life span, man's life expectancy could reach 550 years.

But that's the rub, maintaining this rate throughout life, including so-called old age. We have made little conquest of the crippling and chronic diseases of middle age and over, although we have demonstrated that these ailments can be delayed. Cancer, high blood pressure, heart disease and kidney and liver malfunctions still cut a wide swath through the ranks of the old, practically undeterred.

There has been a late rise in the average life span, not because of science's victory over the degenerative diseases, but because of triumph over ailments that beset the human body before middle age. The increase in years that man can anticipate can be attributed to medicine's successful campaign against the epidemic and infectious diseases that formerly thinned the ranks of infants, young children and adults up to 35 years.

Spectacular indeed has the increase in the life span been since 1900. But let's look farther back to the turn of the century. A child of Roman empire days, 2,000 years ago, could expect only 23 years on earth. By 1850, in the United States, he could expect 40 years of life—an increase in expectancy of only 17 years in nearly 2,000 years. By 1900, the expectancy was 50 years. But today, the expectancy has risen to 67 years.

The gain of 17 years of life in a half century equals the gain made during the several centuries between Roman empire days and 1850.

Humans can expect another spectacular increase in the life span, now that biologists are turning against the degenerative diseases—the ills that hit old age—with the same weapons of method and discovery that they wielded against the ailments of childhood, adolescence and mature ages. A conservative estimate of the doctors' abilities would be 25 years added to the life expectancy.

This would elevate the average number of years allotted to man to nearly 100. For a long time, biologists have been laboring over a clue which suggests that man normally might live to about 150. A French naturalist, Buffon, discovered that, throughout most of the animal kingdom, the animal's average life span measures from five to seven times its period of growth. Man requires about 21 years to reach maturity, which years, if multiplied by seven, equal 147—nearly close to 150.

Doctors are striving to give man this natural birthright in years by reversing the degenerative processes of the chronic diseases of age. Doctors Edward C. Kendall and Phillip S. Hench demonstrated at Mayo Clinic last year that rheumatoid

arthritis and rheumatic fever can be halted by either ACTH or cortisone, hormones naturally secreted by two of the body's glands, formulae that can be synthesized in the laboratory.

These hormones have enabled arthritic cripples to walk, run and dance after forsaking wheel chairs they have occupied for years. Also interrupted have been the ravages of gout, asthma, rheumatic fever, blinding eye diseases, blood cancer (leukemia), muscle ailments and skin diseases. These two weapons against rheumatic fever may prevent one third of the nation's annual deaths from heart disease, one of the greatest curses of the

## "EASY DOES IT"

**I**F YOU FIND that kitchen cabinets and furniture have pieces of food dried on them that are difficult to wash off, place a damp cloth over these spots and let stand for 20 minutes or so. This loosens food so that it can be washed off without scratching the furniture.

If you're painting doors and want to prevent getting paint on handles and knobs, coat these first with vaseline. Wipe it off after painting and you won't have paint marks to clean.

When you want to use a mop

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### Dutch Lunch

(Serves 6)

- 1 head lettuce
- ½ pound liverwurst, cubed
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup sliced radishes
- ¼ cup chopped dill pickle
- 2 tomatoes, diced

Break lettuce into bite-sized pieces and toss into salad bowl. Add remaining ingredients, then season to taste. Blend together the following ingredients for a dressing: ¼ cup mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons catsup and 2 teaspoons prepared mustard. Serve well chilled.

several times or for several different purposes, make easily removable slip covers for it, so these can be changed with each use, then washed before using again.

Plaster of paris wall brackets and other objects can be cleaned by spraying them with a thick starch solution. When dry, break this off and the dust and dirt will come off with it.

Use a small paint brush with a long handle to get at the dust in hard-to-reach corners. It's fine, too, for cleaning pipes on ceilings or walls.

If house plants look weary after Spring cleaning, re-pot them in this way to prevent injuring roots: remove only one-third of the top soil and place in an empty pot. Add new soil to fill up the pot.

When drapes and curtains do not fall in attractive folds after cleaning or laundering, mold them as you wish, using small straight pins to help get the proper drape, pleat or fold. Leave the pins in overnight, then remove them.

### AUTO CLUB'S TRIP OF THE WEEK

## Let's Go For a Swim



Segundo has recently been developed into one of the Southland's finest stretches. However, this region will not be available for swimming until the prevailing quarantine is lifted. Gay amusement-seekers may find the pier concessions at Santa Monica and Ocean Park attractive...

• A motor tour through the harbor area near Long Beach is highly recommended. Port of Los Angeles now has 2,780 acres of modern terminals, warehouses, railroads, docks, etc., accommodating more than 8,500 ships annually. Colorful Fish Harbor, the world's largest fishing port, is worth seeing.

• Extending southward from Long Beach (center photo) is a wondrous shoreline of curling sea-scapes, quiet lagoons and a wide variety of surf-side recreation that combine to offer a magnificent motor trip...

• Along the route, one may note several fields of producing oil derricks, particularly near El Segundo and Huntington Beach. It is said that the "black gold" taken from the latter fields has made Huntington Beach one of the richest communities of its size in California...

• In Newport Bay (lower photo), sailboats, motor launches and watercraft of every type skim over the blue water, presenting a scene of constant and colorful activity...

• Top photo shows visitor admiring the seacoast near Laguna Beach, a community noted for its cultivated quaintness and rustic dwellings. This art colony is the setting for the annual Festival of Arts which will be held here in July and August.

## A Peek at The Stars

BY LYNN CONNELLY

**N**BC LIKED the radio audition cut this week on the Cass Daley show so much that the net is trying to talk the comedian into signing a TV contract as well . . . Baritone Joe Graydon holds a law degree, having been graduated from Columbus University School of Law in 1940 . . . CBS has bought a new air show, "Somebody Knows," based on unsolved crimes in which those who supply the clues will be given \$5,000 if the culprit is caught . . . It's amazing how many crimes are unsolved—or is it?

Final exam time is under way across the country, but in that whole, wide expanse Elliott Lewis is certain there isn't another teacher who can match his experience recently at UCLA, with pupils turning the tables and examining him . . . All semester, Elliott has lectured and coached his colleagues in radio producing and acting and finally approached their final test, "Cyrano," he informed him, was to be their production.

Raising himself to all the scholastic dignity of "Prof. Frankie Remley," Elliott asked, "And who will play Cyrano?" "You will," they chorused and for the next four hours the students kept Elliott on his feet as they ran him and his cast through the paces.

**PLATTER CHATTER**

**CAPITOL**—For the kiddies, **OMW** will come up with "Francis, the Talking Mule" . . . Chill was the original voice in the movie so you know his rendition has got to be good . . . **Benny Strong** has one of the best arrangements of that oldie, "Last Night on the Back Porch" we've ever heard . . . It's light and swingy and completely captivating . . . "Tessie" is on the flip . . . **Met Torme** does an excellent job—one of his best—with the haunting "Bewitched" . . . That oldie, "Piccolino," is on the reverse.

**LEASE**—Trailer site adjoins Ramon Park, facing Sunrise Way. Ideal for DeLuxe Park. Will give long term lease with option to buy. See Owner, John W. Williams, 423 No. Palm Canyon Dr. Phone 3311. Or, see

**5 ACRE** parcels of level land (not in mountains) in section adjoining Palm Springs city limits. \$500 to \$1000 per acre—terms as low as \$150 down, \$10.00 per month. Write P. O. Box 190, File W-4.

**CENTER OF DOWNTOWN**. Hotel zoning lot with furnished duplex, and room for more hotel units at \$15,000, ½ cash, balance 5%. Will show this property after July 15th.

**APPLEBAUM**, Realtor 320 S. Indian Ave.

**3-BEDROOM**, 2-bath home, 1318 Buena Vista. Phone Owner, 4113, or see your broker.

**GONZALES** of Garnet, Mr. Gonzalez is employed by the Southern Pacific railway at Garnet.

**Mr. Arthur Wright** gave birth to her third child, a boy weighing nine pounds, three and one-half ounces at 3:55 p.m.

Their ninth child, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mateo Kialing river.

**ANSWERS**

1. (a) Three.	2. (a) Bechaw (Male).
2. (b) Hybrid creature.	3. (a) mae, (b) baa.
3. (c) Head.	4. (d) oink.
4. A box not primarily a container is (a) strong box, (b) miter box, (c) tinder box, (d) cash box.	5. (a) Australia, (b) Canada, (c) Sweden.
5. Warsaw is on the (a) Vistula, (b) Rhine, (c) Spree, (d) Kialing river.	6. (a) Three.
7. (a) Three.	8. (a) Vistula.
8. (b) Bechaw.	9. (a) Vistula.
9. (c) Rhine.	10. (a) Spree.
10. (b) Kialing river.	11. (a) Three.
11. (b) Bechaw.	12. (a) Vistula.
12. (c) Rhine.	13. (a) Spree.
13. (b) Kialing river.	14. (a) Three.
14. (b) Bechaw.	15. (a) Vistula.
15. (c) Rhine.	16. (a) Spree.
16. (b) Kialing river.	17. (a) Three.
17. (c) Rhine.	18. (a) Spree.
18. (b) Kialing river.	19. (a) Three.
19. (c) Rhine.	20. (a) Spree.
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